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**PREPARATION OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION
TO LAUNCH MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS IN ENGLISH:
EXPERIENCE OF THE SAINT PETERSBURG
ELECTROTECHNICAL UNIVERSITY «LETI»**

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Objectives:

- to address activities necessary to prepare the higher educational institution for the successful launch of the Master's degree programs in English on an experience of the Saint Petersburg Electrotechnical University «LETI»;
- to discuss particularities of each individual activity

Educational programs in English could be considered as a main tool to accelerate the process of internationalization of the University and it is recognized as a key component of ensuring the competitiveness of the modern University.

Preparation to launch Master's degree programs in English is a complex procedure and it requires a great deal of work in many directions at once. Among these directions the following: choice of the educational program to be launched, preparation of the documentation and educational and methodological materials in English, improving the level of English among the faculty and administrators, students' recruitment, and etc.

At the present time, there are three Master's degree programs in English at ETU «LETI»: «Laser measuring technology», «Bioengineering Systems and Technologies for Prosthetics and Rehabilitation» and «Automation and Mechatronics». Starting next year, three more new Master's degree programs in English are going to be opened: «Photovoltaics and Solar Energy Technology», «Computer Science and Knowledge Discovery» and «RF, Microwave and Terahertz Engineering of Wireless Systems».



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